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## Cromwell Advertisements



### THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

For Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



### CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

E. I. begs to inform the public of Cromwell

that he has purchased the business of Mr Thompson,

and trusts by strict attention to business,

and the execution of all work placed in his hands

in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to

secure a continuance of the support accorded his

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### CROMWELL HOTEL, CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentlemen will find this the most convenient house to put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and attached to the establishment is a magnificent Billiard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts, Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dunedin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

### M R M A N D E R S, LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Company (capital Two Millions).



### W. H. W H E T T E R, BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which attention is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

DAGG'S

### CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

GINGERBEER & CORDIALS.

TO THE INHABITANTS  
OF THE  
CROMWELL DISTRICT.

THE Undersigned begs leave to intimate to the public that he is prepared to supply them with GINGERBEER and CORDIALS, of a superior description, and at prices to defy competition.

GINGERBEER ..... 3s. PER DOZ  
CORDIALS ..... 20s. PER DOZ

Encourage Local Industry, and Patronise

JOHN M. KELLY,

GOLDEN AGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

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### JUNCTION COMMERCIAL HOTEL, CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER,  
PROPRIETOR,

IN returning thanks for past favors, begs to announce that neither trouble nor expense have been spared to render the above establishment second to none upon the Goldfields.

Being situated in the very centre of the town, it affords every convenience for Commercial Travellers and others visiting the Cromwell district.

The Bedrooms, Private Parlors, &c., Are fitted up with every regard to comfort and convenience.

The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

Extra attention has been bestowed upon the STABLING DEPARTMENT, and as it has been placed under the management of an experienced groom, the public may rely upon every care being taken of horses.

Smithfield Butchery Company.



OWEN PIERCE (late of St Bathans) having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY the Butchery Business lately carried on by him in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a position to supply the best description of meat at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business, and keeping meat of the very best quality, to obtain a share of public support.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

### WILLIAM BARNES, BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER, (Late of Adlestone, Surrey),

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is about to start in the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

### SHAMROCK STORE,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION  
MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district, free of charge.

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### KAWARAU HOTEL, CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,  
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrona and Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

### DAVID WEAVER,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

D. WEAVER begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding Districts that having bought the Premises lately occupied by Mr DAVID BOOTH, he has now on hand an assorted STOCK OF NEW GOODS, Consisting of Wines and Spirits, Groceries, Drapery, Boots, &c. &c., of the best qualities; and trusts, by strict attention to business, and moderate prices, to merit a share of public patronage.

CROMWELL.



### FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail),

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

[A CARD.]

### DR. JAMES CORSE, SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET,  
CROMWELL.

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### R. F. BADGER, LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.

Cunnard's Line of People's Coaches.



### DAILY CONVEYANCE TO AND FROM

LOGANTOWN, BENDIGO GULLY REEFS,

AND  
CROMWELL.

JOHN CUNNARD

Begs to announce that he is now running a TWO-HORSE CONVEYANCE

BETWEEN

LOGANTOWN AND CROMWELL,

Leaving Logantown

EVERY MORNING, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK;

Returning from Goodger's Junction Hotel

at 3.30 p.m.

Parties residing at the Reefs will thereby be enabled to spend at least six hours in Cromwell, and return to the Reefs the same evening.

FARES.

Each way ... .. 10s.

To and from ... .. 15s.

JOHN CUNNARD,

Proprietor.

## NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra and Clyde districts that we have appointed

I HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk-dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN.

Brunswick Flour Mills,  
Lake Wakatipu.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

WE have just added to our already large

Stock, a splendid assortment of

COLONIAL CLOTHING.

Made expressly to our order.

ALSO,

LADIES' DRAPERY.

of all kinds, carefully selected by our Melbourne

Firm.

I HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

Drapers, Clothiers, Boot & Shoe Importers,

ETC. ETC.

Cromwell, Dec. 20.

### I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Melbourne, Queenstown, Arrowtown, & Cromwell.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of the Inhabitants of CROMWELL and surrounding districts to our

Large and well-selected Stock,

Which is specially suitable to supply their wants. Each Department will be found complete, and assorted with every requirement.

General Drapery (comprising all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets)

Men's and Boys' Clothing—Carpets—Tents

English and Colonial Boots, Shoes, &c.

Ironmongery—Timber and Building Materials, all kinds

Tinware—Crockery—Lamps and Glassware—Oils and Paints

Furniture—Stationery—Fancy and Tobacconists' Goods—Medicines

Saddlery—Leather and Grindery—Garden Seeds

Produce, consisting of Wakatipu Flour, Bran, Pollard, Oats, Chaff, &c.

## New Advertisements.

WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.

## BEEBY'S ART-UNION.

NUMBERS OF PRIZE TICKETS:

3-4-6-8-41-45-47-49-56-73  
82-83-88-91.

The Minor Articles fell to

Tickets Nos. 10, 51, 64, 65, 88, 96.

Two prizes, and five minor articles, can be obtained, on production of Winning Numbers, at the Office of this Paper—Mr Beeby being obliged to leave Cromwell for a few days.

M/2 J.O.F.

COURT STAR OF CROMWELL, No. 4933.

A SUMMONED MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY, 12th January, 1870. Usual time and place.

BUSINESS: Election and Installation of Officers.

D. MACRELLAR, C.S.

New Line of  
ROYAL MAIL COACHES  
BETWEEN  
Queenstown and Clyde.

R. W. DANIEL begs to intimate that he has started his new line of Coaches between Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown, leaving Clyde on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Queenstown on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

SCHOOLMASTER Wanted, for the CARDRONA SCHOOL. (Teacher's salary cannot at present be named, but will probably amount to £130 per annum.)

Applications, with testimonials, to be lodged with the undersigned, on or before the 17th of January 1870.

ROBERT PATTERSON,

Hon. Treasurer School Committee, CARDRONA.

LONDON PIANOFORTE &amp; MUSIC SALOON.

FOR SALE OR HIRE:

Pianofortes by Collard and Collard  
Pianofortes by Broadwood  
Pianofortes by Kirkman  
Pianofortes by Ralph Allison  
Pianofortes by J. and J. Hopkinson.

Mechanism of every description connected with Pianofortes and Harmoniums made and repaired.—All the new and standard Music.

CHARLES BEGG,

PIANOFORTE MAKER AND TUNER,  
Princes-street north, Dunedin.

[ESTABLISHED 1856.]

JOHN HISLOP,

(Late Arthur Beverley),

PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN,

Opposite Bank of Otago.

J. H. begs to acquaint his friends and the public generally that he is in constant receipt of—by every mail—NEW GOODS, purchased from the best makers, of which a list is enumerated below:—

WATCHES—Gold and silver, ladies' and gents', open-faced and hunting, keyless, and every other description.

CHAINS—Ladies' and gents' Colonial and English gold Albert and guard chains.

BROOCHES and EARRINGS, extensive choice, set with diamonds and every other kind of precious stones.

BRACELETS and NECKLETS—Large assortment.

RINGS and PINS, various designs; also, studs, sleeve-links, and solitaires, and gold and silver pencil-cases.

SILVER GOODS—Tea and coffee services, knives, forks, spoons, salvers, inkstands, card-cases, children's mugs; knife, fork, and spoon in sets; a selection of prize cups, salt-cellars, and brooches.

PLATED GOODS—Tea and coffee services, sugar-basins, cruet, liqueur-frames, cake-baskets, egg-stands, salt-cellars, and every description of electro-plated goods.

BAROMETRES—Ship and hall, aneroid, mercurial, and metallic; also, a large assortment of thermometers.

TELESCOPES—Opera, marine, and field glasses.

CLOCKS—A large assortment of English, French, and American clocks, suitable for drawing-rooms, dining-rooms, halls, or kitchens.

GREENSTONE—A large assortment of greenstone, mounted, in brooches, earrings, studs, lockets, pins, &c.

J. H. has the honour to inform the Inhabitants of the Province that the Manufacturer of his London-made Watches took a First Prize at the International Exhibition, 1862 (London).

All sorts of Colonial Jewellery made to order.

Chronometers, Duplex, Lever, Horizontal, Vary, and every description of Watches carefully repaired.

Ship Chronometers rated by transit observation.

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## EDUCATION MEETING.

The Statutory ANNUAL MEETING for the ELECTION of a SCHOOL COMMITTEE, and for other business, will be held in the School-house of each Educational District, upon MONDAY, the 10th January 1870, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

JOHN HISLOP, Secretary.

[ESTABLISHED 1858.]

## A. BEAVER,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER,

Princes-street,

(Nearly opposite the Bank of Otago), Dunedin.

Begs to intimate to his friends and the public generally, that he has always on hand a good and varied stock of Goods; and is in constant receipt, by every mail, from his home agents, of selections from the best makers, which he can confidently recommend, the principal features of which are—

Watches and Chains not to be surpassed,  
Brooches, Earrings, Necklets, Rings, Lockets,  
Pins, &c. &c.  
English, French, and American Clocks; Field  
Glasses, and Nautical Instruments.

Special orders from home executed at a small advance.

A. B. wishes also to mention that REPAIRS in all the different branches are executed carefully and with despatch.

Jewellery manufactured to any design.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

## T. A. JONES,

(Late of the Golden Age Hotel, Stafford-street, Dunedin), begs to inform his Country Friends, as well as in Dunedin, that he has purchased the interest of Mr J. M'Cubbin in the

## OTAGO HOTEL,

RATTRAY-STREET, DUNEDIN,

and by his long experience in the trade, hopes still to merit a share of their patronage.

A Cold Luncheon, consisting of ham, beef, pork pies, salad, &c., between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock; charge, one shilling.

A Night Barman always on the premises. Gentlemen can rely on being called at any hour.

T. A. JONES.

## A. L. E. X. M. E. E.,

Late of Hokitika and Golden Age Hotel,

now

## YORK HOTEL,

GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN,

(Late Millar &amp; Hall's).

A. M. E. E., having purchased the above hotel, begs to inform Miners and the Public generally that the business will be carried on as formerly, and that he will do all in his power to ensure the comfort of visitors. His long experience in hotel-keeping is a sufficient guarantee that everything will be kept first-class. Old visitors to the hotel will receive his best attention. Wines and Spirits of the best brands. Good Stabling on the premises.

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## Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1870.

In order to give our staff the customary New Year holiday, looked for by all, we have curtailed the size of the ARGUS this week to six pages. Next week, and in future, our usual eight-page paper will appear.

We have been shown a splendid sample of stone from the Carrick Ranges. It was got in the boundary-line between the Royal Standard and Howson and party's claims, and would yield, we are reliably informed, something like fifty or sixty ounces to the ton. There are now five parties at work in this locality, but as yet none of them have struck the actual reef, although they have splendid indications, the leaders which are struck being very rich. Howson and party have put in a cutting between 50 and 60 feet, and are now going to carry in a tunnel to endeavour to strike the main reef. Work in all the other claims is now being vigorously resumed.

Some commotion was caused in the township on Sunday evening by the extraordinary freak of an individual who had been imbibing rather too freely during the holidays. He had managed to find his way down to the edge of the Molyneux, immediately below the bridge, and expressed his intention of swimming across. Fortunately, however, the police were too sharp for him, and with considerable difficulty they scrambled down to the spot where he was engaged divesting himself of his clothes, and secured him. He was provided with a night's lodging in the camp, instead of at the bottom of the Molyneux, where he most assuredly would have been had he once got into the river, which runs at this spot with great rapidity.

A Chinaman, who has recently been in the service of Mr Goodger, as cook at the Junction Commercial Hotel, has disappeared in a mysterious manner. He went out, it is supposed, to fetch a bucket of water a few days' since, and has not since been heard of.

Just before going to press, we were informed that a fatal accident occurred to Mr Thomas Geddes, of Fourteen-mile Beach. From particulars supplied us, we gather that Mr Geddes was working in a paddock, when a huge stone, which hung threateningly overhead, suddenly came down upon the unfortunate man, smashing his head completely to a jelly. Our informant was unable to supply us with any further particulars.

The A.S. Omeo, with the English mails on board, arrived at Port Chalmers on Wednesday morning last. The Cromwell portion of the mails was delivered on Monday morning.

The statutory annual meetings for the election of School Committees throughout the Province take place in the various school-houses on Monday next, the 10th inst. As the election of a good School Committee is a matter of great importance, we trust those who are interested in this district will make it a point to attend.

Mr C. Beeby's annual Art Union of Jewellery was drawn for in the Council Chamber on Friday evening last. A list of the winning numbers appears in our advertising columns.

During the hearing of the evidence at the inquest on the body of Mr J. W. Garrett, Dr Corse was called upon to attend a miner named Williamson, who had met with a severe accident near the Gentle Annie. From particulars supplied us we learn that the sufferer fell over a dam-wall, of considerable height, his head coming in contact with some large stones, laying the skull bare from the base to the frontal bone. Dr Corse sewed up the wound (no less than 42 stitches being required), and the patient is now in a fair way of recovery.

On Saturday afternoon, about four o'clock, Mr Ralston, who is well known in this district, left Mr Pherson's Hotel in order to remove some sheep from an island a short distance below Wakefield Ferry. It appears that Mr Ralston was in the habit of leaving sheep on the island from time to time, wading through a shallow arm of the river (Clutha) in order to reach them. On leaving, he took with him a pair of long "gun" boots to enable him to cross to and from the island without getting wet. He expressed his intention of returning the same evening, and as he made no appearance, Mr Pherson felt rather uneasy, but thought he might have gone to Messrs Loughnan's station, where he frequently stayed for the night. In the morning, however, no tidings were heard of him, and Mr M'Pherson communicated with Sergeant Cassella, who, in company with Messrs Loughnan, of Mount Pisa Station, and a number of their men, instituted a search, but with no better result than finding Mr Ralston's boots at the edge of the river where he had attempted to cross. On Monday, Sergeant Cassella procured a boat and grappling-irons, and, assisted by the Messrs Loughnan, dragged the bottom of the river for a considerable distance between the two ferries, but the searchers could find no trace of the missing man; and there is too much reason to fear that he was overpowered by the current, carried down the river, and drowned.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening, the Mayor and Crs. Badger, Burres, Dawkins, and Dagg being present. A letter was received from Mr Kidd, applying for 100ft. frontage of Municipal Reserve opposite his premises.—Granted. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr W. J. Barry, informing him that his application for 35ft. of Municipal Reserve between the Town Hall and Mr W. J. Goodger's hotel, was granted, subject to a specified rental. The Town Clerk was also instructed to write to the Chief Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington, urging upon him the immediate necessity of appointing a Distributor of Stamps. On the motion of Cr. Badger, seconded by Cr. Burres, it was resolved that a memorial be forwarded to the Superintendent and Executive Council, urging the necessity of throwing open the lands in the neighbourhood of Cromwell, for grazing and agricultural purposes. Mr Dawkins was granted permission to erect an awning in front of his premises. Cr. Burres was elected a member of the Finance Committee, and Cr. Dawkins of the Public Works Committee; and the Council then adjourned.

## THE LATE J. W. GARRETT

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to chronicle the untimely death, through a fall from his horse, of a member of our community who has made many friends in the district—we allude to Mr J. W. Garrett, one of the shareholders and pioneers of the first quartz reef worked at Bendigo Gully. The melancholy accident which resulted in Mr Garrett's death occurred on Thursday night last, and has thrown a gloom over the entire community ever since. People can hardly realise the fact that he who on Thursday last attended the Cromwell race meeting in all the vigor of his manhood, has been cut off from amongst us by the ruthless hand of King Death. Our pen seems powerless when we think that on Thursday afternoon we conversed with him who on the evening of the same day was brought into Cromwell a cold and lifeless piece of clay. Mr Garrett had, by his liberality and genial manner, made many friends in this and the neighboring districts, and he will be sadly mourned and regretted by not a few. He was a native of Guernsey, and emigrated to Australia some six or seven years ago, from whence he subsequently came to Otago. It is well known how he, in conjunction with his other persevering partners, worked on amidst difficulty and almost privation at the quartz reef at Bendigo Gully which latterly so rewarded the perseverance and energy displayed; and it seems hard that he should be cut off just at the time when the earth was yielding up her golden treasures and enabling him to reap the reward of his untiring industry. Yet so Providence had decreed it.

An inquest was held before Vincent Pyke, Esq., District Coroner, on Friday (a full report of which we give in another column), and after several witnesses had been examined, a verdict of "Accidental death, the result of a fall from his horse," was returned.

Mr Garrett was a member of the Dunstan Lodge of Freemasons, and on Sunday the brethren turned out in strong force at his funeral, a large number having come from Clyde to pay the last tribute of respect to deceased. A large concourse of people also followed the mournful cortege to the cemetery. The Rev. Mr Drake read prayers over the grave, and P.G.M. Vincent Pyke conducted the Masonic funeral service in a very impressive manner.

## THE AMATEUR CONCERT.

On Wednesday evening last a concert given by some of our amateur vocalists and instrumental performers drew together a capital audience, the large hall of the Cromwell Hotel being well filled. The concert was got up by a committee of gentlemen resident in the district, with the intention of raising funds (by means of this and a succession of like musical entertainments) to build an Athenaeum in Cromwell. The object is a worthy one, and deserves the support of all classes of the community; and we have no doubt that if the general support of the public is given, in a very short time Cromwell will be able to boast of a building suited to its requirements. Owing to the hurried manner in which the concert was got up, there was hardly sufficient time for practising some of the concerted pieces, yet without exception we may say they were exceedingly well rendered. The concert was opened with Rossini's overture to Tancredi, which was excellently played by Mr and Mrs Simpson and Mr Whetter (violin, piano, and cornet), and was almost in itself sufficient to ensure the success of the concert. Mr Luscombe followed with the pleasing song "Many happy returns of the day," and being deservedly encored, he again gave the concluding verse of the song. Mr Baird sang "Jeannie with the Light-brown Hair," with good effect, and was loudly applauded. A solo on the ophicleide by Mr Whetter, with pianoforte accompaniment by Mr Milburn, of Clyde—whose services as accompanist the Committee fortunately obtained for the remainder of the evening—was a fine instrumental performance, every note being clearly and distinctly given. The pretty little ballad "No One to Love," pathetically sung by Mrs Corse, was loudly re-demanded, and, in compliance with the request, the fair vocalist repeated the concluding verse. Mr Howson followed with a negro song, "Old Black Joe," accompanying himself on the banjo; and in reply to a unanimous encore he substituted another song of the same description, being loudly applauded at its conclusion. The duet, "What are the Wild Waves Saying," very correctly sung by Messrs Arkell and Luscombe—the voices blending well with each other—was followed by Mr Bate's song, "The Exile." This was one of the best efforts of the evening, the compass of the singer's voice being something remarkable. The rich low notes in the song were given with a truthfulness and ease seldom excelled in amateur singing. Mr Pretsch then gave a pretty little German song. This gentleman possesses one of the sweetest of tenor voices, of considerable compass, and his song, although given in German, was enjoyed by all. Selections from Trovatore (violin and piano), by Mr and Mrs Simpson, were excellently played. Mr Simpson is a capital violinist, and great credit must be awarded Mrs Simpson for the excellent rendering of the pianoforte music. The well-known song, "John Barleycorn," sung by Mr Arkell in capital style, was loudly applauded, and an encore was complied with. "Let me Kiss him for his Mother," sung by poor Garrett (whose melancholy end we notice in another column), followed by "The Slave Ship" by Mr Fenwick, concluded the first portion of the programme. After an interval of fifteen minutes, Rossini's brilliant composition, "La Cenerentola," was played as an overture to the second part by Mr and Mrs Simpson and Mr Whetter. This overture was one of the treats of the evening, and was highly appreciated by the audience. Mr Luscombe sang "Absent Friends" in his usual excellent style, and received an encore. Mr Baird gave the favourite song "A Motto for every Man," and complied with an encore by repeating the two last verses. The glea, "Breathe soft, ye Winds," by Messrs Bate, Arkell, and Luscombe, went first-rate, the voices blending admirably, notwithstanding the short time the vocalists had for practice. Mr Whetter's cornet solo "Ah Non Giunge," from Sonnambula, was correctly and tastefully rendered, the performer being evidently a thorough master of his instrument. Mrs Corse followed with the ever favourite ballad, "Come Home, Father," which was so sweetly and touchingly sung as to draw down thunders of applause. "Wouldn't you like to know" being given as an encore song. Mr Tippet then sang "The Mus. keteer" in capital style, and being encored he gave the "The Sea Storm." Another negro song, with banjo accompaniment, was then given by Mr Howson, who had to comply with a unanimously demanded encore, and was again encored at the conclusion of his second song. "Tommy Dodd," a humorous song, excellently sung by Mr Arkell, who possesses a good voice, then followed. Mr Pretsch then gave a pretty little Tyrolean air. It was very sweetly sung, but the pianoforte accompaniment was perhaps rather loud for some of the sweetest portions of the melody. An air, with variations, on the violin and pianoforte, by Mr and Mrs Simpson, was a most enjoyable piece of music, and was loudly applauded. Mr Bate's song, "When Time hath bereft," given in his best style, was a sufficient proof of his ability to render high-class vocal music with correctness and ability. Mr Garrett then sang "You'll remember me," followed by the National Anthem, which concluded the performance.

## CROMWELL ANNUAL RACES.

After a long season of oppressively hot weather, from the effects of which Cromwell and the surrounding district was in a more than usually parched-up state, welcome showers of rain fell on Wednesday last, cooling the atmosphere, and eliciting from exhausted and perspiring citizens expressions of satisfaction at the change.—mingled, however, with a hope that the mythical personage known as the "Work of the weather" would kindly abstain from any further moistening of mother earth until the Cromwell Jockey Club Races of 1869 had been competed for. This was not to be, however, and Thursday morning broke with every prospect of the first day's racing having to be carried out under a heavy and continued downfall. There were some very heavy showers in the morning, but towards noon a decided change for the better had taken place, and during the remainder of the day but little rain fell. All the places of business in Cromwell were closed, and shortly before noon a general start for the race-course, distant about two miles, was made. Making our way across the plain, we soon arrived at the course, where already all was bustle and excitement,—sporting individuals discussing the chances of such-and-such a horse winning the so-and-so handicap—equestrians dashing about regardless of the limbs of mankind on foot—the "kreet card of the races" boy adding his quota to the general din—and the other usual concomitants of the race-course not being wanting. In the shape of auxiliary amusements, there was a swing-boat erected for the special benefit of juvenile visitors—the boat, seemingly a very secure and easy-going concern, being painted green, and having printed on it in bold letters the word Donnybrook! The rather inclement weather prevented young Cromwell being present in any great numbers, and as a consequence, business in the aerial boating line was if anything rather slack. Another individual essayed to earn an honest penny by instituting a rather novel species of the game of "Aunt Sally." On his nasal organ he had placed an ordinary bottle-cork, decorated with a white feather, the nose fitting into a slit made in the cork. Providing himself with three or four other corks, this worthy, invited persons so disposed to have "three shies for a bob," the object being to knock the cork off his face. In this interesting occupation a good few persons seemed to join, and as many of the corks were thrown with considerable force, and seemed to take an especial delight in striking the enterprising individual in the neighbourhood of the eyes, we imagine that the "bobs" were well earned. A substantial grand stand was erected, but on account of the weather it was not very well patronised. The boots, No. 1 owned by Mr Dagg, and No. 2 by Mr Marsh, seemed to be doing a rattling stroke, although the weather was not such as to cause a demand for the cool and refreshing drinks usually in demand on race-days. An unfortunate accident happened on the first day, while the Hurdle Race was being run, resulting in the death of Mr Jones's horse Pacla. On coming into the straight running, his jockey states he felt the horse giving way under him, and on putting him to the last hurdle, he caught the top bar, and fell, breaking his neck. Although a considerable amount of rain had fallen, the course was not by any means in bad order; in fact, if anything, the rain had done good rather than harm. Mr Dawkins officiated as starter. Mr R. Loughnan as judge, and Mr W. J. Barry acted as clerk of the course. They seemed to give very general satisfaction, and the energy and perseverance displayed by the last-named gentleman in keeping the course clear and terrifying stray dogs with his whip proved his fitness for the office.

The weather on Friday was all that could be desired, and was peculiarly favorable for horse-racing. There were certainly two or three slight gusty showers from the eastward during the afternoon, and towards evening the air was decidedly chilly; but the cool breeze was a welcome relief from the almost tropical heat we have had to endure for some weeks past. The course was in splendid condition, the rain of Wednesday and Thursday having effectually laid the dust, and at the same time rendered the course smooth and springy. The attendance of the fair sex was more numerous than on the previous day, and the grand stand was tolerably well patronised, although many of the ladies preferred to remain under the shelter of the various conveyances in which they had come to witness the events of the day. It was past two o'clock when the horses entered the Miners' Purse were brought to the starting post, and an interval of at least half-an-hour elapsed between the several heats. There seemed, indeed, to be a great deal of unnecessary delay between all the races, and a considerable amount of grumbling was the consequence.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 30.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 30 sovs., for all horses that have never won an advertised race (hack and matches excepted). Distance, one and a half.

Mr J. Bisset's ch. m. Novice ...  
This was the only animal entered for the race, and he won the course without a rival.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Advertisers in the CROMWELL ARGUS will have their names and addresses inserted in this column free of charge.

## CROMWELL.

Badger, R. F., Agent, Melmore street  
Barnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.  
Corse, Dr James, Surgeon, do.  
Cosser & Smith, Bakers and Grocers, do.  
Davkins, James, Free Trade Butchery, do.  
Dagg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Clothier, do.  
Goodger, G. W., Junction Commercial Hotel, Melmore-street  
Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street  
Scott, J., Baker do.  
Marsh, John, Bridge Hotel, do.  
Kidd, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.  
Manders, H., Agent, do.  
Whetter, W. H., Bootmaker, do.  
Kelly, John M., Cordial Manufacturer, Melmore-street  
Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.  
Shanky, W., & Co., General Merchants, do.  
Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.  
Weaver, David, General Merchant, do.  
Matthews & Fenwick, General Printers, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers

## CLYDE.

Auckland, W., Painter, Paperhanger, &c.  
Barlow, R., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Brough, Anthony, Barrister and Solicitor  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter  
Riley, Edward, Junction Hotel  
Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist  
Cox, John, Port Philip Hotel  
Huxlett, James, General Merchant

## ALEXANDRA.

Beresford, W., Builder and Undertaker  
Calder, P., Bread and Biscuit Baker  
Jack, Alexander, Criterion Hotel  
Martin, W. B., Watch and Clock Maker  
Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel.

## BENDIGO GULLY &amp; ROAD.

Beare, J., Reefers' Arms Hotel and Store  
Mercer, Francis, Temperance Restaurant  
McPherson, H., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel, Rocky Point  
Perriam, John, Welcome Home Hotel and Store, Lowburn.  
Rocky Point Ferry: John McCormick  
Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel and Stores  
Stevenson, J., Al Bakery

## KAWARAU GORGE.

Campion, Nicholas, Diggers' Rest Hotel  
Heron, Thomas, White Hart Hotel  
Wrightson, John, Shucers' Arms Hotel.

## BANNOCKBURN.

Halliday, J., Shepherd's Creek Hotel & Store  
Nicholas, J., Gladstone Coal Works  
Richards, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store  
Stuart, James, Ferry Hotel.

## NEVIS.

Carnaby, George, British Stores  
Korli, C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store  
Thompson, Edward, Northumberland Arms Hotel and Store.

## QUEENSTOWN.

Boyne, Robert, Storekeeper and Nevis Agent  
Bridge, J., General Blacksmith and Farrier  
Eichardt, A., Queen's Arms Hotel  
McLarn, W., Prince of Wales Hotel  
Robertson, J. W., & Co., Timber Merchants  
Robertson & Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills

## ARROWTOWN.

Pritchard, R., General Merchant, Arrowtown

## WANAKA.

Hedditch & Russell, Wanaka Hotel, Pembroke

## DUNEDIN.

Baird, William, Bookseller and Stationer  
Beaver, A., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Broithwaite, Joseph, News-agent, Fleet-street  
Chaplin, John, & Co., Coach Proprietors  
Dickson, T., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Fraser, Alexander, Advertising and Commission Agent  
Hay Brothers, Tailors and Outfitters  
Hispoh, John, Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Key, W., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Kincaid, McQueen and Co., Vulcan Foundry  
London Pianoforte and Music Saloon  
Matthews, George, Nurseryman, Seedsman  
Otago Hotel: T. A. Jones  
Rein & Nicolson, Booksellers and Stationers  
Sinclair, W., Tailor and Clothier  
Sparrow and Thomas, Dunedin Ironworks and Seed-grower  
Tofield, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller  
Thompson, W., Red Lion Hotel  
Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.  
Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel  
Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General Commission Agent  
York Hotel: Alex. Mee.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Fenwick, R., East Taieri Hotel  
Hawea Saw Mills: J. D. Ross, proprietor  
Hanger, S., Vulcan Hotel, St. Bathans  
Maidman, H., Albion Hotel and Store, Luggate  
Mackenzie, Hugh, Junction Hotel, between Tuapeka and Teriot

## Nevis Advertisements.

EDWARD THOMPSON,  
NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS HOTEL  
AND STORE,  
NEVIS.

A large and well-selected stock of GROCERIES of all descriptions constantly on hand.  
Goods delivered throughout the surrounding district on the shortest notice.

\* A commodious BILLIARD ROOM is now in course of erection, and will shortly be furnished with one of Alcock & Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD Tables.

The best accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling.

BRITISH STORES,  
Nevis.NEVIS CROSSING HOTEL  
AND STORE,

(About five miles from the Nevis Township).

The undersigned, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him since commencing business, begs to intimate that he continues to keep a large and well-selected stock of SPIRITS, WINES, and GROCERIES of the very best description.

Goods regularly delivered throughout the surrounding district.

CHARLES KORLI.

## Miscellaneous

## ALBION HOTEL AND STORE,

LUGGATE,

(23 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka).

H. MAIDMAN ..... Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

## WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE.

The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.

A large PLEASURE-BOAT is kept for the accommodation of visitors, and every care is taken to provide means for their enjoyment while staying at the WANAKA HOTEL, which is universally admitted to be one of the most comfortable and best conducted houses in the Province.

The Proprietors of the WANAKA HOTEL can confidently state that a more pleasant method of passing a few days free from the turmoil and care of business, than by a sojourn in the neighbourhood of the picturesque and romantic Wanaka Lake, can scarcely be imagined.

## THE STORE,

In connection with the hotel, is well supplied with Groceries, Household Utensils, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c.

HEDDITCH & RUSSELL,

Proprietors.

## HAWEA SAW-MILLS.

The undersigned can supply SAWN TIMBER in any quantity.

Orders addressed to Albert Town will be punctually attended to.

BOARDS and SCANTLING at 10s. per 100 feet super., at the foot of the Lake (GLADSTONE), whence they can be conveyed by dray to Bendigo Gully or elsewhere.

J. D. ROSS,

Hawea Saw-mills.

## VULCAN HOTEL, ST. BATHANS,

SAMUEL HANGER, Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers.

Always on hand—Wines, Spirits, and Ales of the best quality.

BILLIARD TABLE—GOOD STABLING.

BLACKSMITH'S SHOP adjoining. Horses shod on the shortest notice.

## Great Conflagration at Bordeaux.

The steamship Count of Hainault arrived in the Garonne from Antwerp, having on board about 40 tons of petroleum and petroleum spirit, moored herself at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, about three miles below Bordeaux, and discharged her cargo into a couple of barges, one of which was laden with both spirit and petroleum, and the other with spirit only. The two barges remained at Lormont, about three miles below Bordeaux, having to convey their cargoes to the Gursol Docks at La Bastide, higher up the river, on the following morning. One of the men in charge of the barge named the Trinite, which had the petroleum spirit on board, after having lighted a torch, imprudently threw away a still burning lucifer match among the casks of petroleum, one of which immediately caught fire, producing a terrible explosion, by which the man who was the cause of it, and a Custom-house officer who accompanied him were dreadfully burnt. In a few moments the barge was enveloped in flames, when the ropes which secured it to the shore, catching fire, snapped asunder, whereupon the burning mass drifted with the tide up the river, facing the general warehouses. Some small steamers, belonging to the port authorities, with sailors and firemen on board, at once got up steam and made for the still burning barge, which they temporarily secured with a chain, and then made efforts to sink it by pumping water into it, but for a considerable time without avail. In the course of these proceedings, one of the steamers, the Mathilde, caught fire at the bows. Eventually the commander of the life-boat Monte Christo, after the repeated orders of the captain of the port, succeeded in scuttling the barge at the stern. A train of liquid fire coming from the barge was drifted in the direction of a mass of ships by the current, and speedily communicated itself to them. Almost at the same moment, three or four vessels were discovered to be on fire, with no means at hand of rendering them the smallest assistance. Up till eleven o'clock the tide was coming in, and the floating fire rising with it. Several other ships became ignited. Those most heavily laden were the first to suffer, as, there copper being under water, their wooden sides offered no resistance to the flames, whereas the unladen vessels, protected by their copper, for the most part escaped. In another couple of hours, with the tide still rising, half the ships in the port would have been destroyed. As it was, the returning tide did a considerable amount of mischief, as it carried out with it the floating fire, together with the remains of the burning barges, and portions of the ignited ships, which set fire to other vessels in their turn, until within the space of less than a couple of miles, something like 25 ships were to be seen on fire at the same moment. A strong S.E. wind which was blowing helped the destruction. Fourteen vessels, at half-past seven o'clock, were still in flames, or smouldering with their hulls almost burnt down to the water's edge. The damage done is estimated by the port authorities at ten millions of francs. Ten full-rigged ships, belonging to the port of Bordeaux, were completely destroyed. Six ships were also destroyed belonging to other ports, and numerous others were more or less damaged.

## State of Religion in Europe.

The Ecumenical Council, which is about to meet in Rome, excites European interest. As reported by telegram, the Catholic Powers decline to send representatives, and reserve full liberty of action whatever the decision of the Council may be. The German Bishops warn the Pope of the perils of proclaiming the Syllabus announcing his infallibility and repudiating modern civilization. They are, consequently, denounced as heretics. Father Hyacinthe, the celebrated preacher of Notre Dame, has written and published a very remarkable letter addressed to the General of the Order of Carmelites, to which he belonged. He denounces the attempts made to deprive him of his rights of free preaching, and formally severs all connection with congregation and Order; he bitterly assails the spiritual despotism of Rome, and claims the right and duty to reject the chains sought to be imposed on him; he protests vigorously against the Roman (not Christian) policy of Ultramontanism in seeking the proposed divorce between the Church and society in which we live, and expresses doubt of the freedom and independence of the Ecumenical. The Bishop of Orleans regrets the rash step taken by Father Hyacinthe, and exhorts him to submission; but the Father in a brief reply says he cannot accept either reproaches or counsels, and what he, the Bishop, calls a great fault committed, he considers a great duty accomplished.

The Superior of the Order of Carmelites has written to Father Hyacinthe ordering him to return to the convent under penalty of excommunication, and a declaration that he is dishonoured in the eyes of the Church. The noble language of the Father's letter, in the bold assertion of the freedom of thought it contains, has made a great impression on Europe.

## A Terrible Race for Life.

A correspondent of the *Grand Rapids Eagle*, an American paper, sends the following story:—

The Buffalo, Corry, and Pittsburg Road intersects the Lake Shore Road. The station at the junction is named Brockton, and from this point to Mayville, at the head of Chautauqua Lake (a distance of only ten miles), a train is carried over an elevation of 700ft. From the station to the summit the grade is about 80ft to the mile, with curves which increase the distance by four miles. It is over this road that the immense quantities of petroleum are brought; and on Tuesday evening a train, consisting of six oil cars and two passenger cars, reached the summit, on its way to the junction. Here, by some cause unknown, one of the oil tanks took fire. The passenger cars were at once detached, and the breaks stopped them. Next the oil cars were cut off, and the locomotive, tender, and a box car, containing two valuable horses and two men, passed down the road, the engineer supposing that the brakemen on the oil cars would arrest the course of those; but what was his horror, on looking back, to see the six cars in pursuit of him down the grade, enveloped in flames. They not only pursued, but overtook him, striking the box car with inconceivable force, knocking the horses and men flat upon the floor, and yet almost miraculously not throwing the engine from the track. It was now with the engineer a race for life, and he gave the engine every ounce of steam. Looking south from the place of my residence, at that terrible juncture one of the most magnificent spectacles was witnessed that a man sees in a lifetime. A sheet of intensely bright flame, sixty feet high, was seen coming down that southern slope, apparently with the speed of a meteor, and really at very near the speed of a hurricane (80 miles an hour): for pursued and pursuer flew over the course, or rather down it, and around the curves, at the rate of more than 70 miles an hour, as the engineer declares, and as everybody can believe who witnessed the spectacle. The whole heavens were illuminated, and the landscape was lit up as by the noonday light. Onward and downward flew the engine; and behind it thundered the huge fiery demon. Twice its prodigious weight was driven against the fugitive, as if instinct with a purpose to drive it from its track. It seemed as if to the heroic engineer and fireman there was a perfect environment of peril. The speed of the engine was such that it ceased to pump. The Cincinnati express was due at the junction at this time: so the engineer of the oil train whistled 'open switch,' and shaking hands with the fireman, they bade each other farewell, knowing that their lives depended on the opening of the Lake Shore switch by their friends below, and to do this was to imperil the express train coming down from the west with its human freight. The engineer who was on this train saw the fire when it first broke out on the summit, and supposing he could clear the junction before the flaming terror reached it, he, too, put his engine to the utmost speed on a level grade. A mile short of the junction, he saw that the effort was a vain one, for the flying conflagration had rushed out upon the Lake Shore track, and was roaring onward in the direction of Dunkirk. He checked the headlong rush of his own train, and brought it to a standstill. The case here took in another danger, and it was imminent. A heavy freight train was coming up the Lake Shore road. All I will say of this, is that it did escape to the side track, and only by the last minute of possibility. Running at a safe distance from the depot, the engineer of the oil train detached his engine, and left the six cars to consume. He says the situation was fully realised by him; and that he expected to lose his life. At every moment he expected the engine to leave the track. He saw that he was going at a perilous rate of speed; but there was no help for it. The demon was behind him; and he declares that it looked like a demon. With that fondness, or real affection, for his engine which these men display, he said, "I thought everything of my engine, and was determined to stay by it to the last." Altogether, the occurrence was a very remarkable one, and more remarkable for this—there were no lives lost. The brakemen on the oil cars had gone back to the passenger cars when the oil cars started. It was well they did so, for unless those rear cars had been detached and stopped, their inmates would inevitably have been burned to death.

Another metal of some commercial value has recently been discovered within a mile of Beekworth, Victoria, namely, bismuth, which is used in the composition of pewter, printers' type, and other metallic mixtures. In appearance (says the *Ovens Spectator*) it would scarcely at a glance be distinguished from pebbles of reduced felspar, but its specific gravity being 0.822, or nearly half that of gold, is quite obvious, even in the hand. The metal has been tested, and is undoubtedly bismuth, so that if it is found to exist in any quantity the discovery will be of some practical value.

## Selected Poetry.

## WANTED, A PRINTER'S READER.

His brain must be cool,  
As an eagle his sight,  
And chained to a stool  
From morning till night;  
He must read and correct  
Typographical matters,  
Taking care to detect  
All the wrong founts and batters.

He who seeks for the place  
Must have once "worked at ease";  
Must be also "well up" in Typography;  
Of each science and art  
Must at least know a part;  
Must be thoroughly versed in geography.  
German, French, Latin, Greek,  
He must read (if not speak);  
Must of course be a thorough grammarian,  
Quite au fait to the rules  
Of the various "schools,"  
Not merely an Abecedarian.

Then he'll read—read—read,  
Till his eyes grow weary and dim,  
And read—read—read,  
Till exhausted in every limb.  
'Midst the clamour of boys,  
Interruption and noise,  
(The uproarious revels  
Of young printers' devils),  
Pray, how should you like to be *him*?

—Printers' Register.

## Wit and Humour.

Which has most legs, a horse or no horse?—  
No horse, because no horse has five.  
Why was Pharaoh's daughter like a discounter of bills?—Because she got a little prophet (profit) out of the rushes on the banks.

A Rocky Mountain banker, alluding to the demand for female suffrage, female doctors, and female clergymen, remarks that another want presents itself—that of female woman.

The young ladies of New York are now adopting the rôle of "sweet simplicity," and appear at balls and parties in short muslin dresses without ornaments of any kind. The result is that offers of marriage are much more frequent than heretofore.

"You'll never find his equal," said the Rev. Mr Spriggings to a young widow.—"No, I fear not; but I shall try," was the answer.

A subscriber wishing to stop his paper wrote, "I don't want your paper any longer," to which the editor replied, "I wouldn't make it any longer if you did."

"My dear Polly," said Smith to his wife, "I am surprised at your taste in wearing another woman's hair on your head!"—"My dear Joe," returned his wife, "I am equally astonished that you persist in wearing another sheep's wool on your back. There now!"

"Come, darling, it is bedtime. All the little chickens have gone to bed."—"Yes, mamma, so has the old hen."

A furrier wishing to inform his customers that he recut old furs and made them up into fashionable styles, wound up his advertisement in this manner:—"N.B.—Capes, victrolines, &c., made up for ladies in fashionable styles out of their own skins."

When the song "Kiss me" was first published, a sweet and blushing maid entered a bookseller's shop in New York, and requested the modest clerk behind the counter for "Rock me to sleep." The piece of music was laid before her; and she asked for the "Wandering Refugee," which was also produced. "And now," said she, "Kiss Me." The young man blushed, stammered, and begged to be excused.

A servant girl in the town of A—, whose beauty formed matter of general admiration and discussion, in passing a group of officers in the street, heard one of them exclaim to one of his companions, "By heaven, she is painted!" Turning round, she very quietly replied, "Yes, sir; and by heaven only!" The officer acknowledged the force of the rebuke, and apologised.

A French master while on his way to a ladies' academy was thrown off his horse, and landed in a ditch. He was consequently covered with mud, and in order to apologise to the mistress for the state in which he entered the room said, "Ah, madame, I have fallen into de—"  
—"Oui, monsieur, I see it; and you are covered with the gravy."

A New York Church which lately tried an experiment of having the contribution box passed by handsome young women, is called the "Church of the Holy Waiter Girls."

Even Frenchwomen are disagreeable to another. Only the other day two "dear friends" were in conversation. "My dear," said the eldest, "do you know that your husband told me last night that my cheeks were like roses?"—"Yes, love, I know he did. It spoke of it afterwards, and said it was a pity they were yellow roses."

A young and very pretty lady riding on the cars of the Western and Atlantic Railroad was observed to have a piece of court plaster on her lip. When the cars had emerged from the long dark tunnel on this road into the light, it was observed to have disappeared; but the eye instantly detected it clinging to the lips of a young man on the same seat with her; they both looked as innocent as if they hadn't been doing nothing.

Two Irish soldiers, on a sultry night, immediately after their arrival in India, took refuge underneath the bedclothes from a skinning party of mosquitoes. At last one of them, gasping from heat, ventured to peep beyond the bedclothes, and by chance espied a firefly which had strayed into the room. Arousing his companion with a punch, he said, "Fergus, Fergus! it's no use: ye might as well come out! Here's one of the craythens sarchin' for us wid a lantern."



## Clyde Advertisements.

**MR ANTHONY BROUGH,**  
BARRISTER,  
SOLICITOR, & CONVEYANCER.  
—  
OFFICE, CLYDE.

## PAPERHANGINGS.

**A** LARGE and elegant stock of PAPER-  
HANGINGS at  
**AUCKLAND'S**  
SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE,  
and at WRIGHT'S, Cromwell.

Five Thousand Pieces of Newest Patterns,  
at Prices to Suit the Million.  
Flock and Gold Papers in Endless Variety.  
Glass, Oils, Colours, Paints, and Varnishes  
Reduced Prices.  
Come and See. You're Bound to Buy.

## MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE.

**M. MARSHALL,**  
CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,  
SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

**BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS-  
VENDER.**

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial  
Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a  
small advance upon English prices.

## JUNCTION HOTEL &amp; CONCERT HALL,

Corner of  
SUNDERLAND, FERRY, AND CAMP STREETS,  
CLYDE.

**EDWARD RILEY - PROPRIETOR.**

EDWARD RILEY, having purchased the  
above hotel from Mr A. Moore, begs to inform  
his friends and the public generally that he is pre-  
pared to accommodate them in first-class style.

GOOD STABLING.—ALCOCK'S BILLIARD TABLE.

The CONCERT HALL is the largest in the the  
country districts, and is admirably adapted for  
concerts, balls, public meetings, or any other  
demonstration.

## LONDON HOUSE!

CROMWELL AND CLYDE.

## ALLEN FITCH

Begs to inform the inhabitants of CROMWELL  
and surrounding Districts that he has just  
opened out a large and select stock of

**Summer Drapery**

Comprising all the newest patterns in

Fancy Dress Materials,

Prints,

Printed Muslins,

Mantles,

Hosiery, Gloves, Stays, &c.

Ladies' Underclothing, and Baby Linen,  
in great variety.

*A magnificent assortment of Ladies' and  
Children's Hats,  
Trimmed and Untrimmed.*

## THE READY MADE DEPARTMENT

Comprises a choice selection of—

Men's Tweed and Silk-mixed Suits,

Tweed Trousers and Vests,

Crimean Shirts, White Dress Shirts,

Lambs' Wool and Merino Pants,

Flannel Shirts,

Hosiery of all kinds,

Men's Straw and Felt Hats in all the  
newest styles.

## THE BOOT DEPARTMENT

Embraces an extensive selection of

Ladies' and Girls' Single and Double-  
soled Elastic Kid Boots,

Ladies' Black and Coloured Kid Boots,

Cashmere and Lasting Boots,

Boys' and Children's Elastic-side and  
Lace-up Boots,

Men's Elastic-side Boots, from 13s. 6d.,

Men's Bluchers, Wellingtons, Half-  
Wellingtons,

Colonial-made Watertights, & Shooting-  
Boots,

Nuggets and Gum Boots.

**ALLEN FITCH,**

**DRAPER & OUTFITTER,**

LONDON HOUSE,

CROMWELL AND CLYDE.

## Clyde Advertisements.

## PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE.

**JOHN COX, . . . . . Proprietor.**

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**TOWN PLATE**, of 75 sovs.; weight for age; distance, three miles. Entrance, £4 4s.

Mr D. Jolly's ch g Excelsior, aged, 10st 11lb (Taggart) 1

Mr E. Pritchard's ch g Skyonian, aged, 10st 11lb (Lang) 2

Mr R. M'Morran's ch g Spec, 4 years, 8st 11lb 3

For this race there were two other entries—Garrett's Nelly Gray and Pollock's Young Nelly Gray—but neither of the horses came to the post. The three chestnuts got away well together, Skyonian taking the lead for some distance round, when Spec shot to the front, and made the running. They past the stand well together, and in this order continued until within about a quarter of a mile of the winning post, when Taggart let out Excelsior, and after a splendid race up the straightrun landed him an easy winner, Skyonian taking second place, closely followed by Spec. Time, 6 minutes, 32 seconds. The betting on this race was limited.

**HURDLE RACE**, of 30 sovs.; twice round the course—about three miles; over eight flights of hurdles. No weight less than 10st 11lb.

Mr Cowan's ch g Poison, aged (Gray) 1

Mr Samson's bk g Dr Black, aged (Swan) 2

Mr M'Morran's ch g Turpin, aged 3

Mr Cook's ch g Tornado, aged 4

Mr Ryan's g g Garry Owen, aged 5

Mr Jones's ch g Pacha, aged 6

Mr Dawkins got the horses away well together, Turpin taking the lead over the two first hurdles, closely followed by Poison, all the horses jumping the hurdles splendidly. On nearing the third hurdle Poison passed Turpin, and cleared the hurdle in splendid style, the remainder of the horses coming up well together. In the second round, Pacha and Dr Black raced for second place, Poison still maintaining a good lead, and jumping his last hurdle with ease. Pacha followed, but going over the last hurdle he fell, and ended his racing career by breaking his neck. Goodwyn, his rider, was after some little delay extricated, fortunately without having received any injury whatever. This was a splendid race, not a single hurdle having been refused by any of the horses.

**PUBLICAN'S PURSE HANDICAP**, of 40 sovs., with a sweepstake of £1 1s. Distance, two miles.

Mr J. Hazlett's Novice, 7st 4lb ... 1

Mr W. Smitham's Cromwell, 6st 12lb ... 2

Mr J. W. Garrett's g m Nelly Gray, 6st 6lb ... 3

Mr J. Knudsen's b g Garnet, 6st 8lb ... 4

Mr E. Ryan's ch m Brunette, 6st 5lb ... 5

Mr T. Pollock's bk g Raven, 6st 12lb ... 6

For this race, Novice and Nelly Gray were the favourites. The horses were got away well together, with the exception of Cromwell, who made a bad start. Brunette and Garnet led past the stand the first time round, Nelly Gray third, closely followed by Novice and Cromwell. Nelly Gray then took the lead for some distance, but was passed by Novice and Cromwell about a quarter of a mile from the winning post. In this order they raced home, Novice winning by about a length, Cromwell second, Nelly Gray third.

**H-OK RACE**, of 15 sovs. Mile heats. No weight under 10st 11lb. Post entry, £1 1s.

Mr T. M'Morran's ch g Roderick, aged 0 1 1

Mr Cowan's b h Wallaby, aged ... 1 2 0

Mr Wrightson's b h Doodlem Buck ... 2 3 0

There were five other entries for this race. The first and last heats were well contested, but through a misunderstanding as to the start in the second heat, the running lay between Roderick and Wallaby, the former winning with very little to spare.

This exhausted the first day's programme, and after the usual delays in making a start, a general move homeward was made.

## SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 31.

The first race on the card was the

**MINERS' PURSE** of 30 sovs., for all untrained horses. No weights less than 10st 11lb. One-mile heats. Post Entry, £1 1s.

Mr Wrightson's h Doodlem Buck (Swan) 1 2 1

Mr Fraser's m Kate ... 3 1 2

Mr Wilson's g m Nelly (Foote) ... 2 0 0

Mr Samson's bl h Doctor Black ... 0 3 0

Charlie, Kettledrum, Venus, and Wallaby, also ran. Nelly took the lead in the first heat, and maintained a position ten or twelve yards in advance until within a short distance of the goal, when she was caught by Doodlem Buck, and although Foote made a vigorous effort to win the heat, the Buck was first past the judge's box—Nelly not being more than half-a-length behind, and Kate a very good third. In the second heat, Kate was first to show in advance, and she was closely followed by Doodlem Buck for about three-fourths of the distance. The mare then shot ahead, and won the heat by at least a dozen lengths; Doodlem, who was evidently held in reserve for the deciding heat, being second, and Doctor Black third. For the third heat only Doodlem Buck and Kate started—the horse taking the front place, and gradually improving his position as he neared the winning post, where he landed fully thirty yards ahead of Kate.

**DISTRICT HANDICAP** of 100 sovs., with sweepstakes of £2 2s each—second horse to receive the amount of sweepstakes. Distance, two miles and a-half.

Jolly's ch g Excelsior, 6 years, 8st 4lb (Taggart) 1

Hazlett's ch m Novice, 4 years, 7st (Edwards) 2

Pollock's ch m Lady Helen, aged, 8st 7lb (Goodman) 3

Hazlett's g g Musician, aged, 8st 7lb (Waldell) 4

Inder's ch m Lady Bird, aged, 7st 7lb (R. Inder) 5

Smitham's b h Cromwell, 5 years, 6st 9lb (Scott) 6

Gayrett's g m Nelly Gray, 6 years, (scratched)

Ryan's ch m Brunette, 3 years, 6st 4lb (do.)

Pritchard's ch g Skyonian, aged, 8st 10lb (Lang) 0

Ladybird, Novice, and Excelsior led the van the start, and kept company in the first round until opposite the Grand Stand, when Taggart gave Excelsior the rein. From this time the race was never in doubt, and the champion of the Town Plate again proved himself the horse of the day, winning easily by two lengths. Excelsior, we need hardly state, is a district horse, and one that has hitherto made no pretensions to successful competition with the (seemingly) more aristocratic blood against which he had to contend. Taggart, the jockey, was greeted with a universal burst of cheering as he shot past the Grand Stand in the run home. The pretty little Clyde mare, Novice, ran splendidly throughout the race, and came in for second honours. It was thought by many that had Mr Hazlett declared to win with the mare instead of with his other entry, Musician, she would have carried off the stakes. Lady Ellen was a very good third, Novice being only about a neck in advance of Pacha.

**LADIES' PURSE** of 30 sovs. Distance, two miles. Gentlemen riders. Welter weights for age.

Mr Morran's ch g Spec, 4 years, 11st 4lb ... 1 (Mr A. Britton)

Pollock's g m Young Nelly Gray, aged, 12st 10lb ... 2 (Mr J. Davidson)

Excelsior was also entered for this race, but after winning the District Handicap, Mr Jolly decided to spare him further exertion for that day, and he was accordingly scratched. Young Nelly Gray had the advantage of about ten yards' start, and kept the lead by about three or four lengths for the first mile and a-half, when Spec made an effort, and passed her, winning by several lengths. This was a very good race, and both horses showed good running powers.

**HANDICAP FROTTING MATCH** of 15 sovs. Three miles. Post Entry, £1 1s.

Mr T. Pollock's ch g Struggler (Owner) ... scratch

Mr Welsh's r g Stumpy ... 40 yds start

Mr Inder's b m Polly ... 40 yds start

Mr D. Jolly's ch m Lucy (Taggart) 200 yds start

Mr Samson's b m Ida (Britton) ... 200 yds start

The horses having been placed as above, Mr Dawkins succeeded in getting them all started at the same moment, and the whole went off at a tearing pace. Struggler was the favourite, and the result of the race showed that the confidence placed in his powers of endurance was not misplaced. Lucy took the lead at the start, and maintained it until about half the distance had been gone over, when the veteran amble, who had been rapidly gaining ground from the first, and had now left the other three at his heels, came up, and after a struggle, "short, sharp, and decisive," shook the mare off, and assumed the lead. Stumpy had been doing his work well from the start, and on coming into the straight running at the finish, he passed Lucy and came in second, about ten yards in the rear of Struggler. Polly was third, Lucy fourth, and Ida last. Struggler's performance was the theme of general admiration, a feeling which was greatly enhanced when it was known that he had carried a weight of no less than thirteen stone, while the most carried by either of the others did not exceed eleven.

The last race on the card was the

**CONSOLATION HANDICAP** of 20 sovs. For all beaten horses. Mile and a-half. Entrance, £1 1s.

Mr J. Knudsen's b g Garnet, 6st 10lb (E. M'Nulty) 1

Mr T. Pollock's ch m Lady Helen, 8st 7lb (Goodman) 2

Mr W. Inder's ch m Ladybird, 7st 7lb (R. Inder) 3

Mr W. Smitham's b h Cromwell, 7st 4lb (J. Scott) 4

This was the fastest race of the day, and was watched with great interest throughout. Garnet at once took the foremost place, and was never headed. He ran throughout in splendid style, and won as he liked; Lady Ellen second, Ladybird third, and Cromwell last.

The programme issued by the Jockey Club was now concluded, but a race was afterwards got up for the benefit of the funds of the Dunstan Hospital. The well-known horse Wallaby won the stakes, thus adding another to his long list of victories in the same good cause. The amount collected on the course for this object was £15, which, we understand, has since been placed to the credit of the Hospital Committee. We are informed that the same horse, and the boy who rode him, have within the last three months won upwards of £200 in "Hospital Stakes."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

## FIRE AND WATER.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR—Would you oblige me by inserting the following in your next issue, as I am greatly troubled in my mind through a dream that I had the other night, and wish to warn the public of Cromwell in time. On the night in question I went to bed about ten o'clock, and must have slept for about three hours, when I began to dream. I thought I was standing on the bridge, when suddenly a bright glare of light burst before my bewildered gaze, and on looking up—oh! agony—the whole town of Cromwell appeared to be in a blaze. Visions of water-races overflowing with the limpid element flashed before my imaginative mind, and with all speed I ran towards the town. There was a great mob of people gathered together, and I noticed that prominent amongst the crowd were the Mayor of Cromwell and his Councillors. By this time the fire, which seemed to have started at Smith's bakery, had got as far as the Commercial Hotel. Keeping with the crowd, I could hear and see that a public meeting was being held, and tenders were at once invited for putting out the (Mayor and Council) fire. I asked a person why no exertions were made to keep the fire under. He informed me that there was no water in the race, and that there had been none for the last three days. At this news the rage of the people rose to a great pitch, and certain parties would have been roughly handled had not Sergeant Cassels, like a second Sampson, appeared on the scene. Drawing the Riot Act from one pocket, and a revolver from the other, he commenced to read the one and fire off the other at the same time, which soon altered the state of affairs. Suddenly with a loud crash the roof of the Town Hall fell in; when, what with the screaming of women and the crying of children ringing in my ears, I awoke, and instead of a blazing Town Hall I saw a couple of cats dancing on the tiles. I sent one of my boots flying at them; and feeling greatly relieved in my mind, I turned into bed again, and slept till daylight.—I am, &c.,

P.S.—Perhaps this dream may come true.

The Cardrona School Committee, having recently secured a suitable school building, are advertising for the services of a teacher. Applications are to be sent in addressed to Mr Patterson, hon. treasurer of the Committee.

With the New Year, Mr R. W. Daniels, of Queenstown, entered upon his contract for the conveyance of the mails between Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown. The want of a tri-weekly mail has long been felt, and the inauguration of this new service is hailed with satisfaction by all.

## INQUEST.

On Friday last an inquest was held before Vincent Pyke, Esq., District Coroner, on the body of John William Garrett, who had met his death the preceding evening through a fall from his horse, while riding from Cromwell to the Lowburn.

The following evidence was taken:—  
Thomas Logan, sworn, deposed: I am a minor, and was one of the partners of deceased. We have been partners for about four years. I last saw him alive on Thursday evening, at about nine o'clock. He was then starting from Goodger's stables. I spoke to him. He appeared to be in good spirits, and was perfectly sober. He said he was going to the Lowburn. That was the last time I saw him alive. I saw his body when it was brought into Cromwell two or three hours afterwards. I was told that he had been killed by a fall from his horse. He had no relations in Otago. His father and mother are living at Chelsea, in England, and he has an uncle in Melbourne. I know this from deceased having told me so when alive.—[Mr Logan was deeply affected while giving the latter portion of his evidence.]

George Barclay, sworn, said: I am in business at Logantown, Bendigo Gully. I started from Marsh's hotel, Cromwell, on horseback, for my place, about nine o'clock on Thursday evening. On going up Melbourne-street, I overtook Mr Garrett, who was also on horseback. As he was going in the same direction, we rode together, and conversed with each other. He told me not to talk loud, as it might make his horse start off. He appeared to be perfectly sober, and was in good spirits. We were not riding quickly—only about six miles an hour. On crossing the Westmoreland Co's race he said, "Look out, as I can't see." The night was very dark. We rode on till we reached the corner of Johnston's farm. I was then a little in advance—about twenty feet or so. I then heard a splash. I jumped off my horse, and called "Garrett, Garrett!" but got no answer. I saw his horse rise from the ground, and proceeded to the spot, when I found deceased lying on his back. I called to him, but he never spoke a word. He was groaning, and there was a gurgling sound in his throat. I wetted my handkerchief, and bathed his forehead. I then cooed loudly for assistance. In about a quarter of an hour, a man named De Bettencor arrived on the ground. He was driving a cart. We lifted Garrett into the cart, and just then a mate of De Bettencor, named Arkell, came up. We all got into the cart, and hurried on to Cromwell. We brought the body to Kidd's hotel. I have seen the body on view. It is the body of John William Garrett.

Boaventura de Bettencor, sworn, deposed: Am a miner, and reside at Five-mile Creek. Was travelling along the road between my place and Cromwell on Thursday night. I passed Perriam's about ten o'clock. Shortly afterwards I heard a coo-coo. In a short time I reached the place where the coo-coo came from, and found last witness bathing the forehead of some one on the ground, whom I recognised to be Mr Garrett. I have known him for seven years. He was lying on his back, and there was a gurgling sound in his throat. We lifted him into my cart, and brought him to Kidd's Hotel, Cromwell. He did not show any signs of life on the road.

John Arkell, being sworn, gave evidence similar to that of the last witness; and also deposed that on nearing Cromwell he left the cart, and went for Dr Corse, who was in attendance when the body arrived.

Sergeant Cassels, sworn, deposed to having received information of the accident, when he proceeded to Kidd's Hotel, where the body was lying, and took possession of the property of deceased. Dr Corse also handed him some property belonging to deceased, which he had taken possession of prior to my arrival. He also deposed to having proceeded to the scene of the accident on the following morning, where he found a hat belonging to deceased.

Dr Corse, sworn, deposed: I am a duly qualified medical practitioner, and reside at Cromwell. I was called upon on Thursday night by the witness Arkell, who informed me that Mr Garrett had met with an accident. I was in attendance at Kidd's Hotel on the arrival of the cart containing deceased, and made a preliminary examination. I found life quite extinct. I examined the spinal column, and found that there had been a fracture of the cervical vertebrae. The body was much discoloured, caused by compression such as would result from a horse falling upon anyone. There was great effusion of blood from the nostrils, and a quantity of frothy mucus at the mouth. The cause of death was the severance of the cervical vertebrae. It was broken in two places. The third and fourth vertebrae were broken. I took charge of some property which was on the person of deceased. This I subsequently handed to Sergt. Cassels. I am of opinion that the horse must have stumbled and thrown deceased on his head, as it would require some such shock to sever the vertebrae I have mentioned.

This concluded the evidence; and the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death, caused by a fall from his horse."

## THE ESCORT.

The following are the quantities of gold taken down to Dunedin by the last fortnightly Escort, the large amounts sent down by each place being attributed to the general washing-up during the weeks before Christmas and the New Year.

Mount Ida	2094 0
Tunepka	1622 14
Cromwell	1430 0
Dunstan Creek	1008 0
Blacks	856 0
Switzers	704 0
Teviot	484 1
Clyde	354 0
Alexandra	302 3
Waipori	302 0
Waitahuna	135 5
Ida Valley	13 8
Total	9365 11

## SPORTS AT BANNOCKBURN.

On Boxing Day, a variety of athletic games and sports—among which several of a novel character were introduced—came off at Stuart's Ferry, Bannockburn. A considerable amount had been subscribed for prizes, and there was a good turnout of spectators on the occasion. Mr James Stuart, who was informed, gave the munificent sum of £10 as prize-money. There were foot-races, jumping matches, quoit-playing, tossing the caber, and all the other amusements generally provided on like occasions; and in each of them the various competitors exerted themselves to the utmost, and afforded good sport to the onlookers. During the sports a feat was performed which is worthy of special mention. A row of stones was laid on the ground, at intervals of three feet apart, for a distance of 100 yards; and the feat consisted in carrying the stones, one at a time, back to the starting end of the line—commencing with the farthest stone. The total distance to be traversed was about five miles and three-quarters, and a wager of £5 was offered that the task could not be performed within an hour. The bet was taken, and the feat was cleverly done in the space of forty-five minutes. [Our reporter was not present, therefore we are unable to give a detailed report.] We are informed that during the progress of the games an infuriated cow, which had been driven from the Dunstan the same day, suddenly made her appearance, and, charging the crowd, scattered the "humans" right and left. Three or four persons were knocked down, and one man had an arm injured by the cow's horns; but fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

## ALEXANDRA RACES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

(Unavoidably held over from our last.)  
December 29, 1869.

We have just finished our first day's races, and the stewards of our Jockey Club have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their endeavours, seeing that the owners of horses have responded so well to the call for entries; and the public yesterday patronised the course in such numbers as to prove that horse-racing, when properly carried out, is the favourite pastime of the people. The two booths, owing to the heat of the weather, were crowded, and light drinks were greatly in demand, the two boothkeepers and their fair assistants being fully occupied. The day passed off very pleasantly, no rows occurring to mar the enjoyment of the meeting by everyone present. Some few speculations were entered into at the various hotels in the town, and a few bets were drawn and bets registered for the Maiden Plate in particular, Brunette and Bobby Burns being made hot favourites.

Within a short time of the advertised hour of starting, the bell rang for the first race, the Maiden Plate, when five horses stripped to do battle. After a slow race, the horses were placed as follows:—  
Brunette, 7st 2lb ... (Hastie) 1  
Wallaby, 10st 4lb ... (Lang) 2  
Crinoline, 9st 2lb ... 3  
Young Bobby Burns, 9st 4lb ... 4  
Black Bess, 10st 4lb ... 5

Brunette made the running from the start, well ridden by young Hastie: she was never collared, and won the race in a canter, with old Wallaby (of hospital renown) coming in a good second. This being the mare's first race, she gave great satisfaction to the visitors; and her owners, who had backed her heavily to win, proved that their judgment had not been misplaced. The winning of this event made the mare a prime favourite for the Handicap which was to follow the ensuing race.

After the usual interval, the horses were saddled for the Handicap Hurdle Race, and six faced the starter.

Pacha, 9st 4lb (Gray)  
Deborah, 8st 10lb (Lang)  
Faugh-a-Ballagh, 9st 4lb (Swan)  
Turpin, 10st  
Tornado, 8st 2lb  
Bobby, 9st 4lb

This was an excellent race, the horses taking their jumps in grand style: Pacha and Deborah leaving the crowd at the straight, and making a splendid finish—Pacha winning the first heat by half-a-length. The second heat was won by Deborah, hard pressed by Faugh-a-Ballagh. Pacha won the final heat easily, although Deborah's friends were laying five to four on her pushing in front.

The next race on the card was the District Handicap. For this event, the following horses started:—

Nelly Gray, 8st (Gray)  
Brunette, 6st 6lb  
Lady Helen, 8st 10lb (Goodman)  
Balmoral, 6st 4lb (Holt)

Lady Ellen was backed against the field at even money, although many were sweet on the Maiden Plate winner. This was a good race, Lady Ellen and Brunette racing from the start, Balmoral being outpaced. Nelly Gray meanwhile was gradually creeping up, and she had the race in hand three-quarters of a mile from home, winning easily. Brunette came in second, beating Lady Ellen only by a neck.

The last event of the day was the Publicans' Purse. No weight under 10st. For this race five horses started:—

Raven (Goodman)  
Welcome (Foote)  
Faugh-a-Ballagh  
Native (Cook)  
Crinoline.

This race was won by Raven. He took the first and second heats easily.

This event terminated the first day's racing. During the day the town was well filled, and the publicans did a good stroke of business. The stables were all well filled, and beds were at a premium.

[Our correspondent's report of the second day's racing has from some unaccountable cause not come to hand up to the time of our going to press.]

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Cromwell, 24th December, 1869.

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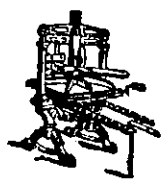
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